

Employment Trends

June Unemployment Rate

Indiana's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for June was 4.7 percent. This is one and one-tenth of a percentage point below the national rate of 5.8 percent.

3,064,700 million Hoosiers were employed during June.

Indiana's June unemployment rate was lower than Michigan, 6.8 percent; Ohio, 6.1 percent; Illinois, 6.1 percent; and Kentucky at 5.6 percent.

July Unemployment Rate

Indiana's non-seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for July was 5.2 percent. This is five-tenths of a percentage point below the national rate of 5.7 percent.

3,057,700 million Hoosiers were employed during July.

Indiana's July unemployment rate was lower than Michigan, 7.5 percent; Ohio, 6.1 percent; Illinois, 6.2 percent; and Kentucky at 5.4 percent.

June Unemployment Insurance Stats

Number of UI Claims Filed:

Week of 6-5-04	53,217
Week of 6-12-04	55,450
Week of 6-19-04	56,535
Week of 6-26-04	56,079

July Unemployment Insurance Stats

Number of UI Claims Filed:

Week of 7-3-04	56,646
Week of 7-10-04	64,950
Week of 7-17-04	71,139
Week of 7-24-04	68,882
Week of 7-31-04	59,109

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Building the Innovation Generation

In Indiana, a pilot program was designed that brought Industry, Government and Academia together under a collaborative effort to support innovative lifelong learning in engineering. As part of a program called "Building the Innovation Generation," Indiana teachers performed ten-week summer internships at the Rolls-Royce plant in Indianapolis. Through federal funds from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, the Department of Workforce Development provided some funding and training for this program.

The educators worked alongside company engineers on a variety of technical issues. "I have definitely learned a lot," said Kelli McGregor who teaches for Kokomo High School. "When I came in here I thought I knew what I was getting into and, of course, I didn't. I've met wonderful people who have helped open my eyes to what engineering is in the design process, getting things working, promoting those things and working as a team." But of course, since they are teachers, they are most excited that what they have learned on the job will be beneficial to their students once they return to school.

Governor Kernan creates a trade compliance office

Gov. Joe Kernan announced the creation of a trade compliance office and "comeback grants" for communities, all aimed at offsetting any negative impact from federal trade policies and strengthening Indiana's ability to create new jobs for Hoosiers.

Kernan said that while a governor can't change federal trade policy, these new initiatives will help make sure that the state is able to respond quickly when its communities and workers are hurt by unfair trade.

The initiatives announced include: the creation of the new Trade Compliance Office; the creation of the new Trade Impact County and Trade Impact Site designations; Community Comeback Grants for areas of the state that suffer trade-related job loss; and, the expansion of the WARN Notice requirements to give more Hoosiers the earliest possible notice if their job is in danger.

Kernan said the new Trade Compliance Office, which will be housed in the Indiana Department of Commerce and funded jointly by that agency and the Indiana Department of Workforce Development, will serve as a single point of contact for trade related issues.

Jefferson High School makes presentation to the Education Roundtable

Dr. Ed Eiler, the superintendent of the Lafayette School Corporation and Vince Bertram, principal of Jefferson High School in Lafayette gave a presentation to the Education Roundtable entitled, "Career Academies: A Model of High School Reform." They have also presented on Career Academies to the State Board of Education.

The Jefferson Academies include six areas: Arts and Communication, Business and Technology, International Studies, Life-Centered Achievement, Political and Social Sciences, and the Science and Mathematics Academy. Jefferson is one of 60 Indiana Career Majors Schools that receive funding and technical assistance through DWD.

